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| In re the Application of: |) | |
| ECKART OP DEN CAMP |) | Confirmation No. 5006 |
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| Serial No. 10/686,042 |) | Group Art Unit: 3679 |
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| Filed: October 15, 2003 |) | |
| |) | Attorney Docket 1-24802 |
| For: A PIPE CONNECTION AND A |) | |
| METHOD FOR ITS MANUFACTURE |) | |

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PETITION TO CONSIDER INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
IN ACCORDANCE WITH 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)

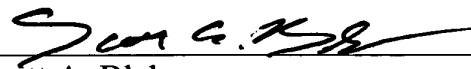
Honorable Sir:

Petition is hereby made pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c), to have the Patent Office consider information in connection with the above-identified application. Copies of such information, with the exception of U.S. patents, as well as a completed PTO-1449 form, are enclosed.

Each item of information contained in the enclosed Information Disclosure Statement was first cited the enclosed German search report.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 13-0005 in the amount of \$180.00 under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) to cover the petition fee. Also, please charge any deficiencies or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 13-0005. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed.

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